An introduction to





An electricity program from, and for, the town of Needham

Why we are here

The Town of Needham wants to hear from community members about their **Aggregation Plan**. This presentation is to help the public understand the Plan.

Public comments are accepted until January 5, 2024.

Details about how to submit comments available at the end.



a municipal electricity aggregation program



To say it another way, it is...

a form of group electricity purchasing

It's a **municipal alternative** to the electricity marketing that you receive in the mail and over the phone.

Why participate?

Competitive, stable prices

(savings cannot be guaranteed)

Consumer protections

More electricity from renewable sources



replace Eversource as your electric utility

We are the electric utility for Needham no matter what

But we get to choose our electricity supplier.





Three ways to buy electricity in MA:

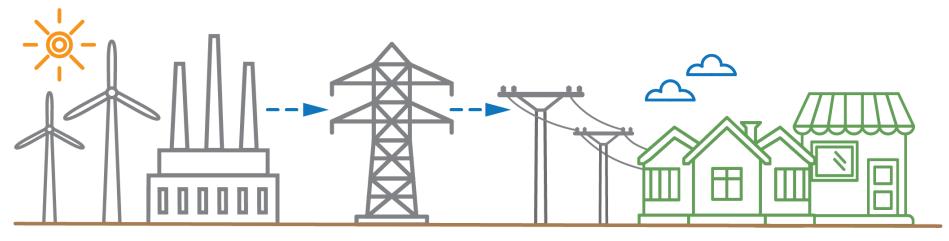
- 1 Your utility (evers=urce) buys it for you = Basic Service
- You sign a private contract with a commercial electricity supplier
- 3 The Town signs a contract with an electricity supplier that you can benefit from
 - = municipal electricity aggregation



How aggregation works

Before the program begins

EVERS URCE provides you with two services: They both deliver and supply your electricity.



Supply & Delivery

Eversource both delivers and supplies your electricity.

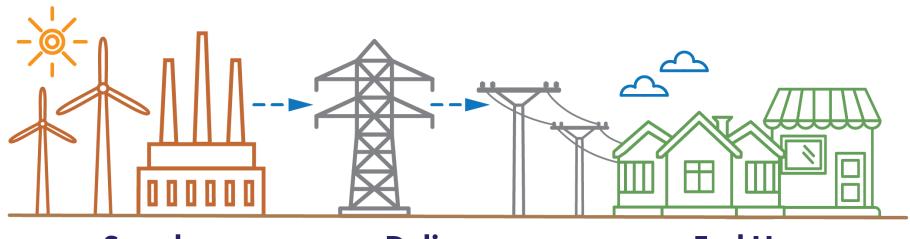
End User

You receive electricity.

How aggregation works



Eversource continues to deliver your electricity, but Needham buys cleaner electricity from a supplier that it chooses.



Supply

An electricity supplier selected by the Town buys electricity for you.

Delivery

Eversource continues to deliver your electricity.

End User

You receive electricity with no change in service.

New consumer-friendly choices

Needham

Standard

auto enrollment

More renewable electricity than the minimum

required (amount TBD)

2

Needham 100% Green

option

100% renewable electricity

3

Needham

Basic

option

Minimum

amount of

renewable

electricity

required

4

EVERSURCE

Basic

Service

opt OUT

Minimum

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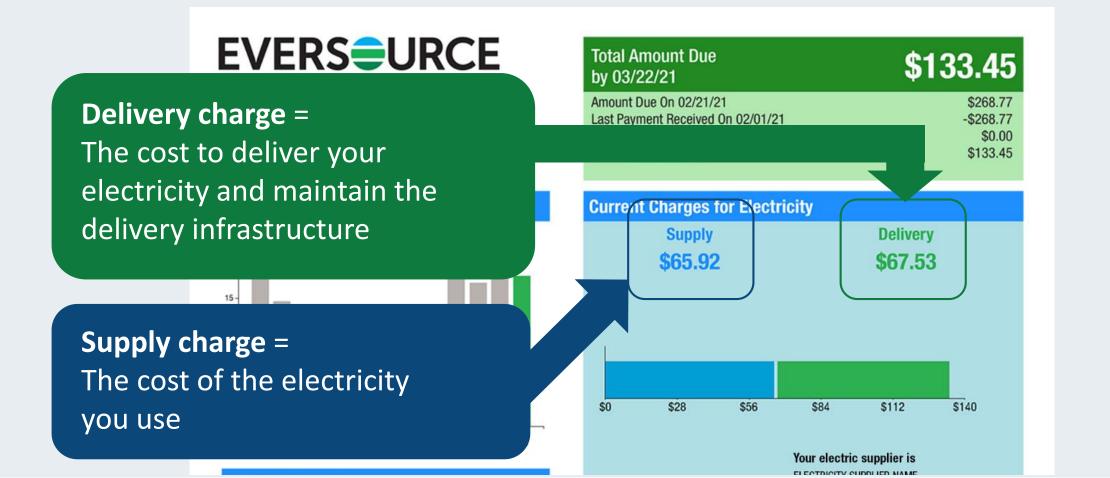
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Price fixed / guaranteed for longer than 6 months (but savings can't be guaranteed)

Price changes every 6 months or less

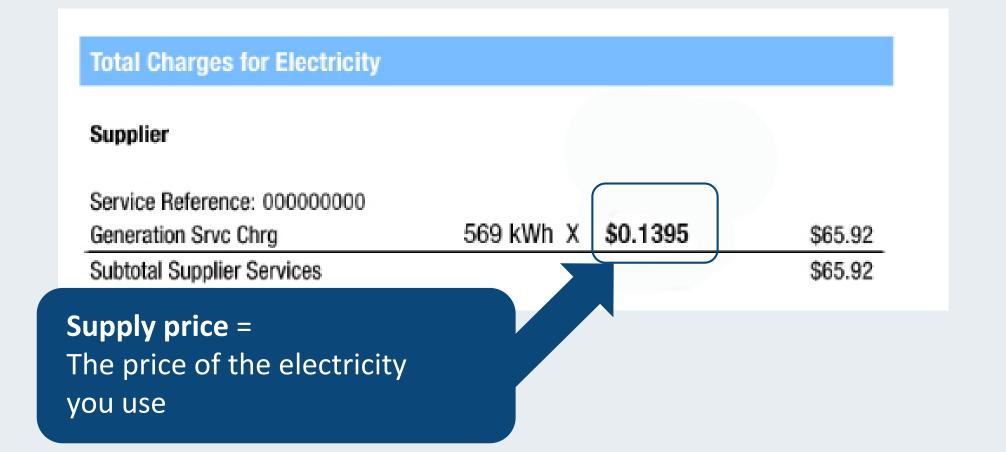


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Your primary relationship for electricity will remain with

EVERSURCE

- Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity.
- You will continue to call Eversource if the power goes out.
- Eversource will continue to send your bill, you will continue to pay them, and this is the only electricity bill you will receive.
- If you are eligible for any discounts from Eversource, you will continue to receive those discounts.



All electricity customers on Eversource's Basic Service will be automatically enrolled at launch (state law).

You will receive a formal notification in the mail bearing the **Needham Town Seal** before you are enrolled.

Participation is NOT required. You may opt out before being enrolled or at any time in the future with no penalty or fee. Information on how to opt out will be available closer to program launch.



Wait! What if I have...

Signed a contract with an electricity supplier already?

You will not be automatically enrolled, but you can join.

Solar panels or participate in community solar and receive credits on my bill or a payment?

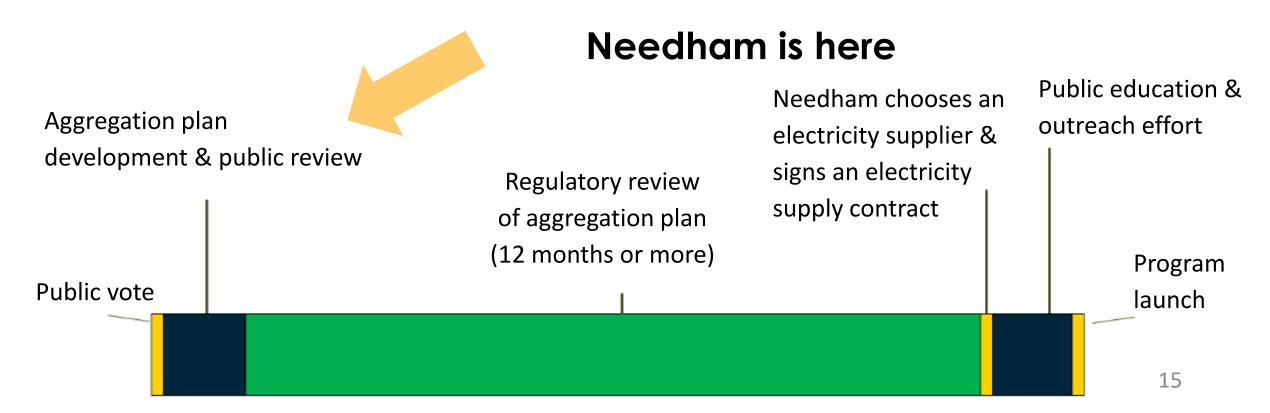
No change.

A low-income discount?

No change.

What is the timeline?

The total process typically takes more than a year.



When/how will I get information?

Program details like pricing will be available approximately 6 - 8 weeks before launch

Letters – to every account on Eversource's Basic Service

Announcement - sent to local paper, email lists, social media

Program website

Public information sessions

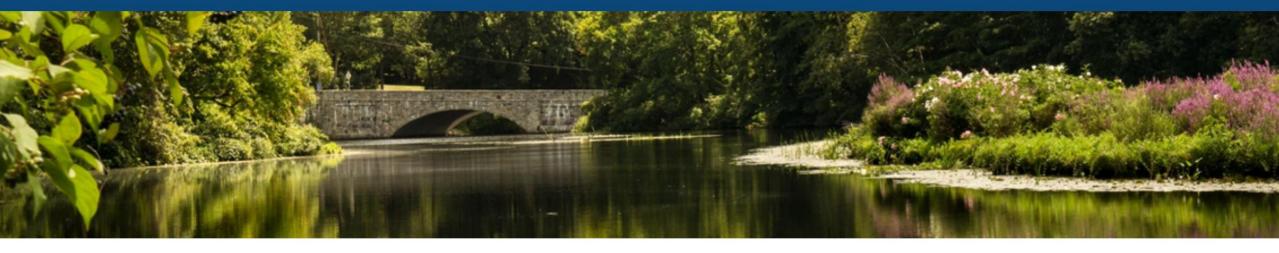
Customer support - by phone and email







FAQ HOW AGGREGATION WORKS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS SUPPORT



NeedhamPowerChoice.com

Visit today!

Or call customer support: 1-844-202-6033

Public comments now accepted

The Aggregation Plan and associated documents are available for public comment until **5:00 PM on January 5, 2024**.

To obtain a copy of the Aggregation Plan and other documents:

- Visit NeedhamMA.gov or NeedhamPowerChoice.com and download the files.
- View hard copies by visiting the Office of the Town Manager (1471 Highland Ave, Needham, MA).

Information about how to submit written comments is available at NeedhamMA.gov or at NeedhamPowerChoice.com.